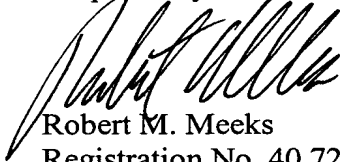


REMARKS

Based on the indication that Claims 5, 6, 10 and 16 recite patentable subject matter in the final Office Action of October 28, 2005, Applicant has amended these claims to place them in condition for allowance and expedite the allowance and issue of the present application. In particular, Applicant has: amended Claim 5 to independent form incorporating the recitations of Claims 1 and 4; amended Claim 10 to independent form incorporating the recitations of Claims 1 and 7-9; amended Claim 16 to independent form incorporating the recitations of Claims 14 and 15; and amended Claims 13 and 19 to dependent from patentable newly independent Claims 5 and 16, respectively. Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20-22 without prejudice or disclaimer towards pursuing these claims in a continuing application. Applicants submit that these amendments introduce no new matter, raise no new issues and place Claims 5, 6, 10, 13, 16 and 19 in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone to address any remaining issues.

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